

Ferraro's husband sentenced

NEW YORK CITY (UPI) — John Zaccaro, husband of 1984 Democratic Vice Presidential nominee Geraldine Ferraro, was sentenced today to 150 hours of community service for his involvement in a fraudulent real estate deal.

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BETICO GROES SEEKING HELP IN WEST GERMANY

SCHIPHOL—

The leader of the MEP party, Betico Croes will be in West Germany this week to try to get help for Aruba. In Bonn he will hold talks with Willy Brandt and with a representative of the Friedrich Ebert Foundation of the SPD, Brandt's party, Croes said on his arrival at Schiphol from Aruba. He said that he hopes to get financial aid from West Germany for development projects aimed at the restructuring of the economy of Aruba. One of those



BANK OF NOVA SCOTIA TO FINANCE RENOVATION OF ARUBA CARIBBEAN HOTEL



ORANJESTAD—

It was reported this week that an agreement was signed in Holland by the Bredero Group and the Golden Tulip hotel concern to form a new company with Aruven, under the name, "Dutch Hotel and Casino Development Corporation", the 3 firms will renovate the hotel and add 196 rooms. The project will be financed by the Bank of Nova Scotia of Rotterdam for the sum of 24 million dollars. It is expected that the investment of such an amount of money will have a favorable effect on the economy of the island. The mere fact that a bank with the reputation

of the Bank of Nova Scotia is financing the project signifies that the bank has confidence in Aruba, and that should invoke the confidence of other establishments. According to Mr. Dan Oduber, who is in charge of the technical part of the project, of the 24 million dollars, from 3 to 4 million will be spent on the preparation of the project. Between 20 and 21 million dollars will go for renovation and new construction and out of this 60 percent, more or less, 10 million dollars, will be paid to local laborers. This means a strong circulation of capital on the island for the next two years. Mr. Oduber says

that the plan includes renovation of 120 rooms in the main building and 80 rooms in the garden wing. Besides that 196 new rooms will be built on the terrain between the Aruba Caribbean and the Aruba Palm Beach Hotels. During the construction period between 150 and 200 people will be employed, and when the hotel re-opens nearly 200 new employees will be needed. It was also disclosed that during the construction period the Bredero Group will have a staff of some 10 employees on the site, not all at once, but accordingly when it is ne-

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ORANJESTAD—Governor Pedro Bislip crowning Clarina Geerman of Santa Cruz, Aruba Carnival Queen 1985

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Editor's Corner

Unnecessary And Censurables Acts

The recent attack and threat against Mr. Betico Croes is a censurable act and something unheard of in the political history of the Netherlands Antilles, and should be condemned. It is against the ethics of our system and could lead to repercussions which could cause further discord among the people of the island. Another censurable act is a pamphlet which was published last week with the names and pictures of certain politicians and members of the Executive Council, accusing them and discrediting them and questioning about the abuse of public funds. The pamphlet was signed by CAP, claiming to be the Commission for Alerting the People.

We term both acts censurable and useless, for by such action nothing can be achieved, but can only worsen an already bad situation. Our democratic system gives us the opportunity to elect our leaders, and if we are displeased by the manner of their governing the best weapon to eliminate them is with the ballot. It is a fact that the developments of the past months is a matter of much concern, but let us bear in mind that unnecessary and censurable acts can do more bad than good.

BETICO GROES ...

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projects is a fishing fleet to catch dolphins. Croes could not say how much the project will cost. The MEP is affiliated with the Socialist International, currently under the chairmanship of Willy Brandt. According to Croes, in the past West Germany circles were interested in Aruba, made possible through the intercession of former Venezuela president Carlos Andres Perez. Betico said that his coming to Holland does not have anything to do with the failure of the recent sum-

mit conference with Minister Jan de Koning. He said that after all the political stress he is in need of rest, and prefers to be absent from Aruba during carnival for reasons of safety. "The situation has worsened. The opposition is instigating the people, and at a time when much alcohol is consumed people can do

strange things", said Betico Croes. Betico said that while in Holland he will make use of the opportunity to discuss future developments with Dutch politicians a.o. the Solidarity Fund. Furthermore he will discuss a monetary system for Aruba. The MEP leader will return Aruba at the end of this week.

Village Talk



by WILLY

De schoolchildren dem say dat B.C. ain't tekkin no chance. Dey say he mus' be fraid ef he had stay here fo carnival dey would ah mek he King Momo.

Well Willy hear dat in Curacao de theifs dem even thiefin' de flags from off de guvement office dem. But a fella tell Willy dat

is vex dey vex because de polees dem don't even tek dong de flags dem in de nite.

A fella tell Willy dat a thief come till in he garage an' thief he radio ouka he car even before he went sleep. But he say dat now he got a shotgun waittin' fo' dem to come back.

A fella tell Willy dat he play carnival in de ban' dey call Tings Bad, but he say he nevah had a bettah toim in he loif. He say fo' he "Tings Bad" was Tings Good.

A old man tell Willy dat dey say carnival is but he say dat now is after carnival we goin' have bacanal.

A fella tell Willy dat he went to see de carnival in tong an' he get high. He say he went to sleep in de park an' dey thief he watch an' he lighter.

A lady tell Willy dat tings cud really happen in carnival. She say she buy a sof' drink by a place an' she forget to kollek she change. She say when she went back de man say he nevah see she yet !!

A fella tell Willy dat in de San Nicolas carnival a woman weghin' about 300 pounds back on he an' mash he toes dem. He say when he ask she wha happen she tell he dat when he comin' to see carnival nex toim he mus' put on safety shoes.

PEACE IN A WORLD OF CONFLICT

By Robert Mc Clain

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We are in a time of conflict and insecurity. Therefore, it is well for us to address this problem. By permission, I would like to use one of Dr. Harold J. Sala's Guideline for (no. 1120.4) as a basis for approaching the He writes as follows: Newspaper columnist, Ann Landers, has drawn a somewhat gloomy but realistic picture of life when she writes, "These are difficult times in which to live despite advances on every side. Everything is

pressurized and psychoanalyzed. Although each era has presented its specific problems--disease, wars, flood, and famine and depression--never before has civilization been faced with annihilation. Thermonuclear and biological war threatens to hunt down man whenever he is to suffocate him, incinerate him, infect him or drive him into a radioactive world. Peace within each of us is the only answer to the superweapons. Ann Landers penned these words several years ago but they are as current as the latest newspaper. How true it is that peace within each of us is the only answer to the superweapons. Shortly before his

ascension into heaven, Christ turned to His disciples and said, "Peace I give unto you--not as the world gives, but an inner peace that comes by believing in Me." (John 14:27) It is good thing that Christ promised inner peace that differs from the hope of peace that comes from the conference tables of the world. In the course of world history, the world has offered men little hope of lasting peace. In fact the quest for peace has been a mirage of greed, distrust, envy, jealousy and hatred, destroying inner peace and tranquility that Christ wants us to have.

Few people really know much about inner peace in a world of conflict. They know more about hatred than love, more about lust than love. Their lives have become a battleground, and they seek in bottles and pills, ammunition with which to fight the daily battles of living. "They anesthetize their brains," says one writer, "hoping flight from the problem will banish the problem." We are quick to put the blame on the other fellow when the real problem is not without because the enemy

is within.

David Newswanger, chairman of the executive committee of the Menninger Foundations says, "So what if we can live to be 100 when life isn't worth living to be 50, let me quote him verbatim, if each of us can be helped by science to live a hundred years, what will it profit us if our hates and fears, our loneliness and our remorse will not permit us to enjoy it. There is no magic elixir or miracle pill that can inoculate us from the hard realities of life. But we don't have to live in disgrace and defeat. Jesus Christ told us that by the wings of faith we can rise above the turmoil and distress of life. He didn't mean that we isolate ourselves from the world of conflict. He told us that we could have peace in the world of unrest; joy in a world of sorrow, and certainty in a world of doubt. In place of fear He promises hope and trust; in place of guilt, He offers forgiveness. In place of condemnation He extends grace to be different because of the change He brings in a heart and life. Peace in a world of con-

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Prime Minister Maria Liberia Peters in Curacao Carnival



Governor Ralph Richardson of St. Maarten in Aruba Carnival.

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RODGERS BEACH

The market exists and it is the only sector which really offers ample employment opportunities. The older hotels must be restored to their old glory, so that new tourist with purchasing power may be attracted to fill them. Together with the expansion of these hotels up to 400 rooms, a new class of luxury tourism must be created with guests who can afford to pay the high room rates and will also spend money outside of the hotel, thus producing higher income of foreign currencies on the island. Plans there to are ready for the Aruba Caribbean and the Aruba Palm Beach. As soon as all the financing problems are solved, these projects can start. Simultaneously with the renovation and expansion of our luxury hotels, the quality of service in this

sector must be improved in all its aspects. If we wish to attract one more tourist with spending power, not only the accommodations, but especially the service needs to be top. A golf course will be needed in the vicinity of the hotels. The location nearby the water purification plant at Bubali, appears to be excellent. A good golf course forms part of the basic package which must be offered to the American tourist and just as essential as a tennis court and the Without a golf course Aruba will not be considered for a vacation by a great number of tourist with spending power. If the operation of such a golf course is only possible by adding jackpots to it, then it has to be done that way. Furthermore, a lot of motivation work needs to be

done on all levels, low and high of the community. All citizens must realize tourism lives or dies with the entire package consisting of beach, beautiful scenery, climate, accommodation, recreation facilities and human relationship between guests and hosts. The minor crime-tourist robbery has to be eradicated finally and totally and the clean-up of the island and maintaining the dirt roads in good condition and laying out hiking trails with sign posts. The tourist industry depends on a great number of external factors beyond our reach but at least we can do, is see to it that Aruba is an attractive place to spend a vacation. The tourist makes its choice after talking travel agents or a person who has been there.

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GEORGE A. BRITTEN

SAN NICOLAS HAS LOST ON ITS GREATEST PROMOTORS

-Mr. George Britten-

With great sorrow we wish to announce the death of Mr. George Britten of All Electric Sales and Services, one of the founders of our association, and one of the greatest promoters of San Nicolas. At the age of 31 George started his business in December, 1946, after having worked a couple of years for Lago Oil & Transport Co. His business motto was "Good Service" and his customers came from all over the island. Even during the "Down hill" years that San Nicolas went through, when many businesses closed down, George through his optimism and firm belief in the future of San Nicolas continued to improve and modernize his bu-

of San Nicolas, George was a member of the Holland Town Committee, one of the founders and boardmembers of our association, member of the

Promenade Committee, and has contributed immensely to any activity destined for the betterment and enjoyment of the people of San Nicolas, such as the Sanifesta and Carnival celebration.

His optimism has always been an inspiration for our association, and his continuous driving spirit will always be remembered. May George rest in peace.

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more the government will have to make a through study of its plan for tourist developments and make available attractive plots of land. These are good opportunities for a new feature in this field for ex Lago employees taking home a large sum of money upon their retirement. There for the Development Bank must also be in a position and have the means to help these investors with loans and eventually also with temporary participation in the stock capital.

After the dismantling of the refinery, it is interesting to see what can be done in the future with the bungalows the office buildings, the school, the Esso Club and everything

which is situated at Seroe Colorado. We may think of a large scale luxury resort community, a country-house style community for tourists and for others who wish to live there temporarily or permanently as pensioners. A big project developer may be contacted to work out an overall plan with, for example, a large hotel, apartments (privately owned or rented and eventually time-shared) and bungalows. The roads and infrastructure are already there. A large scale development - e.g. Mullet Bay in St. Maarten - may give San Nicolas a new impulse. In the first place year of building activity and after-

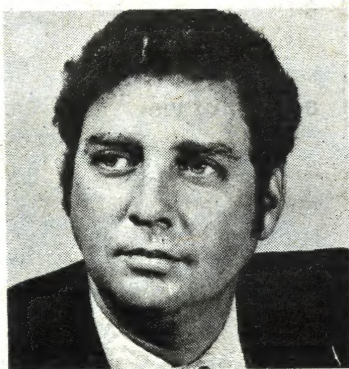
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BAND OF THIEVES ARRESTED

SAN NICOLAS—
A group of 20 persons, ranging in age from 14 to 22 years, were arrested in connection with robberies in Seroe Colorado, Golf Club, and various parts of San Nicolas. They

admitted that they robbed a total of 70 houses. The majority of them are students from St. Eustatius attending the L.T.S. M.A.V.O. and M.T.S. schools. Value of the goods stolen are reported to be between 70 and

100,000 guilders, including video sets, tools, bicycles, cassette players, drilling machine, and watches and jewelry valued between 10 and 15,000 guilders. Investigation of the case is continuing.



ORANJESTAD—
Referring to the statement made by Mr. Betico Croes when he arrived in Holland, that he felt it would be unsafe for him to remain in Aruba during carnival, opposition leaders, Henny Eman of the AVP and PPA leader Benny Nisbet denounced Betico's statement categorically. According to Mr. Eman, Betico himself is the cause that he now feels unsafe in Aruba, due to his dictatorial attitude. He laments that Betico is creating an impression that there is political unrest in Aruba at a time when we are trying to at-


Opposition Leaders Denounce Betico's Statement

tract tourist and investors from Holland and other European countries. PPA leader Benny Nisbet said that it is remarkable that Betico could make such a statement, thereby giving tourism a push in the wrong direction. Moreso he being a political leader who claims to be repre-

senting the majority of the population of said Nisbet. Referring to instigation, Nisbet We would like to remind Mr. Croes that it is he as a political leader who instigated the people to harass the members of the PPA in the Staten and the Island Council".



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ESTABLISHMENT OF INDUSTRIES

Industry and free zone must be bracketed together in the future, because some industries will only have a future, if there exists an overall free zone

policy. There may exist products in Venezuela and Colombia, which after final processing in Aruba, may enter the competitive market for export to the USA and the European Community. Advance industries in which the product value with respect to the transportation

costs of raw materials, half finished products and final products, should in theory be feasible. We refer here to electronics, data processing, chips, biotechnology and other growth sectors of the industry. Practice, however, shows us that these branches of industry concentrate themselves in principal around centers of investigation (universities, Silicon Valley, Boston, Eindhoven) and plants are often established in the so-called Pacific Basin Countries: Singapore, Japan, Taiwan, Korea, Hong

Kong etc. Countries which the investors regard highly with respect to productivity and mental working capacity.

Our chances to be included in this group are not that big.

Our aloe culture may receive new opportunities if it is true that the Aruba Aloe Balm Plants stands indeed on the verge of a breakthrough and its cosmetic products appear to have a large market. Smaller and bigger service companies concentrating on maintenance and repair of

cars, domestic appliances will get more work and expand. This in view of decrease in welfare and scarcity of foreign currency which may be expected.

The time has passed that cares can be exchanged after a couple of years. The

future offers less work for salesman and more for the maintenance mechanics.

The commercial sector may develop itself by going across the borders and operate internationally.

In this field we may also supply an intermediate function between Latin American on one side and the U.S.A. and Europe on the other side.

By means of an aggressive free zone policy - in port as well as near the airport - it may be - also possible to tranship a stream of goods via Aruba's modern sea port and airport, which will play an important part in this respect.

In the commercial sector we can count on very capable people. Aruba also has the disposal of perfectly equipped banking institutions which are necessary to guide in a financially professional manner the international commercial transactions.

Industry and commerce will probably never offer the potentials which the tourist has now and will have in the future.

It will concern business, which in order to be end and remain competitive, will have to work with a small staff. However, from a point of view of diversification, everything must be done to develop a commercial and industrial sector apart from the tourist industry.

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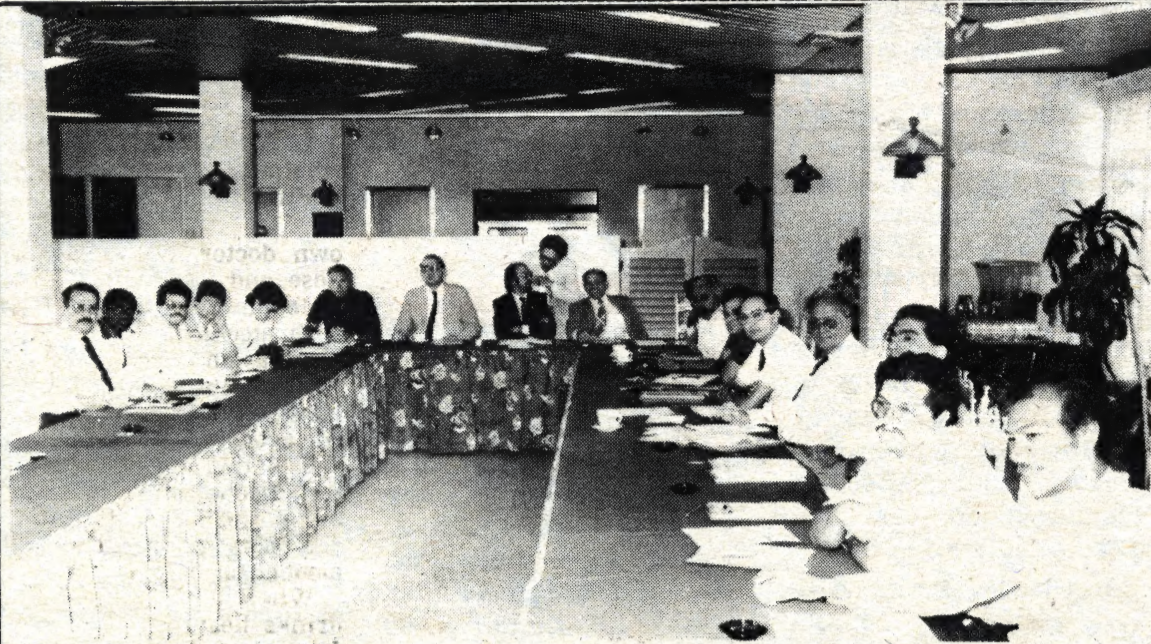
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ORANJESTAD—Colombian journalists, Lelio Pinzon, of "El Tiempo" and Hector Mario Rodriguez, of "El Espectador", visited Curacao Bonaire and Aruba recently in connection with the forthcoming visit of Prime Minister Maria Liberia Peters to Colombia. The journalists met with the Minister of Economic Affairs, Mr. Don Mansur, Deputy Nel Oduber and representatives of DECO, KVK and APA, in the Bushiri Beach Hotel. They also visited the Oranjestad harbor, the Free Zone, the Barcadera harbor, and other points of interest on the island.

A GERMAN COLONY IN CHILE

SANTIAGO — The renewed search for Nazi "Angel of Death" Josef Mengele has turned the spotlight once again on Colonia Dignidad, A German colony in the Chilean Andes, ringed by barbed wire and guarded by Alastian dogs.

Mengele, the doctor-torturer at the Auschwitz Concentration Camp, is wanted for sending some 400,000 people to their deaths.

In December 1979, Nazi hunter Simon Wisenthal claimed Mengele had moved from Paraguay, which

has granted him citizenship 20 years before, and was living in Chile in Dignidad, a controversial self-contained community set up by Germans after World War II. Some still believe he may be hidden in its sanctuary.

There is no official register of how many people live on the colony's more than 2,000 acres of hilly farmland some 200 miles south of Santiago.

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thereof in a great number of opportunities and owe a great part of our infrastructure to this. In the past years the development aid has been described as help with the purpose of making these islands independent and to prepare them for a political independence.

After the calamity of the closing of Lago, and for Curacao the imminent danger of the closing of Shell, together with generally declining tendencies in almost all other sectors of the economy,

this aspect is now of course put in a totally different kind of light. For the time being it here concerns other things than the preparation of a political independence. It now concerns pure solidarity with the islands which find themselves in the imminent danger of parishing in a whirlpool of negative developments. These islands must, in the first place, be taken out of this downward spiral. Only then can things resume their course and talk can go on about the political future.

The idea of Status Aparte is so deeply engraved in Aruba that it shall have to come about. However, under the actual circumstances it is not to important anymore whether this

takes place in 1986 or a couple of years later. Aruba, in spite of everything, does want to go its own way, even if that implies a lower standard of living. The restructuring of the Aruban economy must be considered from this point of view. Independence is of course an entirely different story. A stable image of the political future is of the greatest importance for reconstruction and recovery of the economy. In an atmosphere of insecurity, investors take a reserved attitude and its internationally operating financial institutions are not willing to take the risks. Therefore clear agreements need to be made with The Netherlands on the subject of independence. If The Netherlands keep insisting on an independence on short period, it is almost cer-

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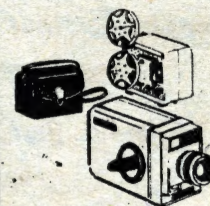
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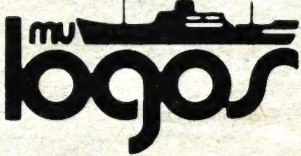
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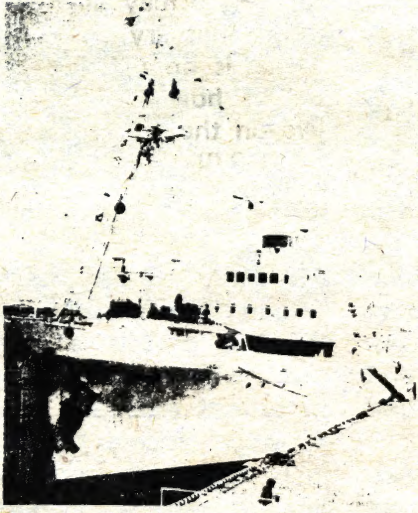
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2. How can a person get treatment for alcoholism? First, he should see his own doctor, who can diagnose and treat the medical problems usually associated with alcoholism. Each state also has an agency that aids in the treatment of alcoholism. To find out the name of the agency in your state, call the National Clearinghouse for Alcohol Information at 301-468-2600.


3. What are the effects of alcohol on a fetus? When a pregnant woman drinks heavily it can cause fetal alcohol syndrome. This can result in mental retardation and changes in a baby's facial features including slitty eyes or heavy facial hair. Drinking can also lower the birth weight of a baby and increases the risk of the mother having a miscarriage.

4. How much can you drink and still drive? The legal limit in many states is .1 percent blood alcohol. Four drinks in an hour will cause a 160-pound person to reach that limit. But even half the legal limit can impair driving ability.

5. Are alcoholic beverages fattening? They're not extremely fattening. A 12-ounce can of regular beer contains 150 calories; a 5-ounce glass of table wine has about 125 calories; while a 1½-ounce shot of liquor contains about 105 calories. But these are "empty" calories — they contain no nutrients.

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Congestion at border as Mexicans flee gun-battle

EAGLE PASS, Texas (UPI) — Up to 100 Mexicans fleeing gunfire that erupted during a riot in a Mexican town swamped a U.S. border crossing already clogged with vehicles being checked for clues in the abduction of a U.S. narcotics agent.

Mexican authorities reported at least four people were wounded in the riot at Piedras Negras. Eagle Pass police said as many as five people were killed and 30 injured in the riot but those reports could not be confirmed.

The riot, blamed on a local political dispute that has been simmering since December elections, broke out at about 3 p.m., just across the Rio Grande river from Eagle Pass, said Lou Gonzalez of the U.S. Border Patrol.

Gonzales said the riot, which occurred about a quarter of a mile (750 m) from the U.S. border checkpoint, was unrelated to the vehicle inspections, which have caused major delays all along the U.S.-Mexico border.

Gonzales said no one waiting to be cleared through the checkpoint was involved.

The riot began as about 300 people who intended to peacefully block the international bridge were fired on by Mexican Judicial police, he said. The ensuing gunfire left at least three Mexican police officers and one woman wounded.

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tain that the economy recovery will not readily start. The inevitable consequence will be that these islands remain dependent on Dutch aid and that we cannot speak of preparation for independence. Therefore the insistence on a fast independence works counter-productive and as a consequence thereof the date of independence must be postponed further and further. To create a favourable investment environment, a condition for a successful restructuration of the economy, it is necessary that clear agreements are made on the political future of Aruba and the Antilles of Five. The initiative has to go out from the Antillean

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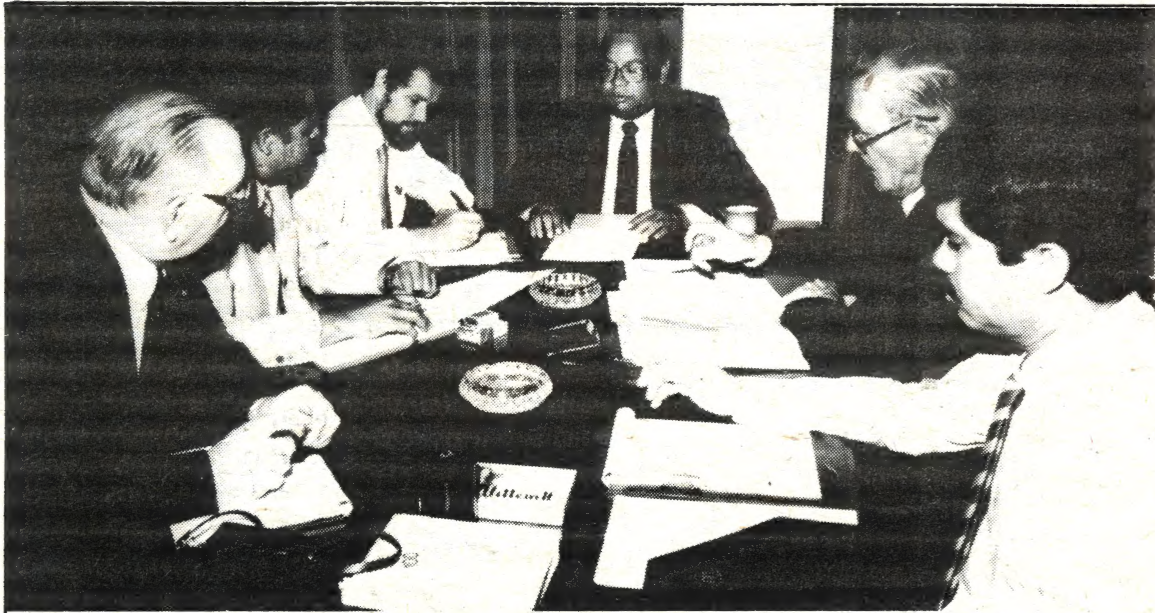
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ORANJESTAD—A mission of the "International Telecommunication Union" is currently visiting Aruba on request of the island government to give advice on the cooperation in telecommunication between Aruba and the Antilles of Five. The group met with the Minister of Transportation and Communication, Mr. Roland Lacle, and Local telecommunication functionaries, H. Eiklenboom and K. Vis.

Answers to the Five Most Common Questions People Ask About Drinking

How does alcohol affect the brain and body? What are the effects on an unborn baby when the mother drinks? How fat-

tening are beer, wine and liquor? Here are the fascinating answers to the five questions which are most frequently asked by callers to the Na-

tional Clearinghouse for Alcohol Information in Rockville, Md.

1. What are the effects of alcohol on the brain and body?

Alcohol can make a person temporarily confused, trigger inappropriate moods and impair judgment. Prolonged use can affect judgment of space and distance, vital in such skills as driving a car.

Also, severe alcoholism can cause a condition known as delirium tremens, in which a person may experience hallucinations, and can also lead to memory loss, confusion, dementia and finally stupor and even death.

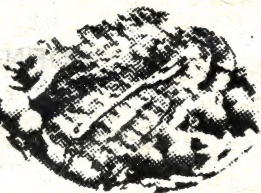
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bed hospital. Fierce Alastian dogs guard the entrance and visitors to the area are watched closely. Strangers are seldom allowed in, a fact that has surrounded the colony in mystery and given rise to strange stories, including one that the hospital was used for plastic surgery operating on war criminals living in Latin America to hide their identities.

Controversy over Dignidad erupted for the first time in 1966, when a 19-year old youth, Wolfgang Muller, escaped the colony with tales of corporal punishment, forced labor and sodomy practiced by community leaders.

Muller also claimed two former S.S. officers lived at the colony.

In 1979, Amnesty International charged that the colony was used as an interrogation and torture center by Chilean secret

police after the 1973 military coup.

But in an interview published by a Chilean magazine in mid-1983, Wiesenthal he had changed his mind about Dignidad and declared there were no Nazi war criminals living there.

Wiesenthal told Cosas magazine he had been invited to visit Dignidad. He said it has a "model colony" and Chilean exiles had tarnished its reputation merely because Germans lived there.

Dignidad, which means "dignity" in Spanish, won the first part of a court case in Bonn against Amnesty International.

A judge ordered the Human Rights Organization not to publish a book containing testimonies of two former Secret Police agents who claimed they had tortured prisoners with the help of Germans at the colony.

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ORANJESTAD — Clarina Geerman, the representative of Santa Cruz, was crowned 1985 Carnival Queen of Aruba. Mrs. Peggy Hood of Peggy Hood and Associates invited Clarina to visit Texas on behalf of the Governor of San Antonio, Mr. Henry Cisneros, to participate in the Miss Fiesta San Antonio festival from April 19 to 28. Mrs. Hood also presented an illustrated and historic book about San Antonio to SAC President, Mr. Milo Croes.

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and Aruban side to propose to the Netherlands that Aruba and the Antilles of Five will remain part of the Kingdom for another 20 to 25 years. From a realistic point of view a faster independence is not realisable. For Aruba, but probably also for Curacao, it is unthinkable that economic independence will be possible within a shorter period of time. The economic recovery will be a long and difficult process in which the developments expected in the world economy for the next 10 to 20 years - further automatization and elimination of great numbers of people as labourers - will rather have a negative effect than a positive effect on these islands.

St. Maarten of all islands, has the best chances to reach a rapid economic independence. A small population and a booming tourist industry at not too far distance of the most important market, the U.S.A, makes this prognosis defendable.

The tourist industry will also be one which will be less affected by automatization, this remains a branch of industry centered on people.

As for Aruba and Curacao things are much more difficult. Without striking oil, it practically means starting all over again and only after a long period will it be possible through hard work and an optimal investment climate to reach a reasonable level of welfare. Aruba may be happy if in another 10 years it has again reached a blanced picture with a tourist industry that has doubled a drastically reduced government force

and a population which will probably stabilize around fifty thousand. That on first sight the situation looks a little less dramatic for Curacao, is pur illusin, created by the fact that the high income from the offshore sector will continue for a couple of years. After that, everything depends on how far Shell will go on contributing to the welfare and the tax revenues and/or if alternatives are found for the created unemployment and reduced government income.

For The Netherlands it becomes almost embarrassing to talk in these circumstances, about a contribution of Aruba and Curacao and take on all by itself the burden of smaller islands. After a successful restructuration of the economy Aruba and Cuacao may be able to contribute. (To be continued in next week's edition).



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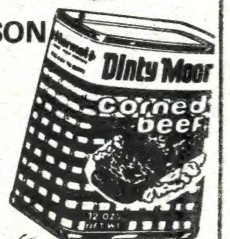
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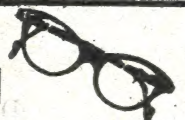
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ORANJESTAD—The Advisor to the Executive Council, Betico Croes, with members of the Bredero N.V. Group when they visited Aruba last year.



ORANJESTAD—Deputy Grace Bareño presented certificates to pupils of the Trade Center at Eagle who successfully finished a course in carpentry and masonry. The following pupils received certificates in carpentry: Louis Beaumont; Edgard Bernabela; Rudolf Boekhoudt; Ronald Croes; Bernardo Felicia; Ronald Kock; Robert Koolman; and Arturo Quandt. For masonry: Antonio Jacobs; Albert Kelly; Wimbert Martijn; Robert Regales and Nicolaas Tromp. Mr. Rolando Croeze, director of the Trade Center (second from left) was also present

BANK OF NOVA SCOTIA TO FINANCE ...

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cessary to bring in experts in a certain field. It is expected that the construction time will be two years, but due to the fact

that the financing agreement took three months longer to finalize than was anticipated, it may take some more time. When the project is entirely finished the Aruba Caribbean Hotel-Casino will have 396 rooms, and should be ready for the 1987 tourist season . .

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES AT THE YMCA CENTRES

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Some of them are: sewing, better cooking, cake making, cake decoration, snacks, creole food, etc. Also, courses in Spanish and Papiamentu and Fitness Classes for ladies. In its efforts to expand its services, the YMCA will start a typing course at very convenient prices, especially for young people, and an After-School Day Care center catering to working parents.

PEACE IN WORLD ...

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CARNIVAL PARADE SHORTER Than Usual, But Well Organized

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stad Sunday afternoon were the tourists from two cruise ships and the

crew of a visiting Canadian frigate. Regardless of the situation next year, in

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